

Soccer

Terms and Conditions

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Member School Responsibilities

- It is the responsibility of each member school to control its interscholastic athletic program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the association.
- It is the responsibility of each member school to protect the health of and provide a safe environment for each participating student.
- In order to promote the character development of participants and to enhance the integrity of educating students, coaches, and all others associated with their programs and events, member schools should adhere to fundamental values such as respect, fairness, honest and responsibility.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

A. Enrollment

The combined seventh and eighth grade enrollment for whom the school district receives state aid, as of the sixth attendance day of the current school year, shall determine the classification of each school after an equal split of the number of entries.

B. Classification

The IESA administrator in charge of the activity of soccer will determine the state series format depending on the number of schools entered in the activity.

Seventh and eighth grade enrollment from the previous school year, as reported to the State Board of Education on the Fall Housing Report, shall determine the classification of each school for boys baseball, girls softball, soccer, boys and girls cross-country, girls and boys basketball, girls and boys volleyball, scholastic bowl, and track and field after a tabulation of entries in each sport. Girls and boys basketball and girls volleyball teams will be split into four equal classes each containing 25% of the participating schools.

Illustrations for Section Classification

- Q. Can a Class 1A school be moved and participate in Class 2A in an activity by its own choice?
- A. The Board of Directors has ruled this is not permissible and that each school must participate only in the class they were assigned, dependent upon that school's enrollment. However, a school may be Class 1A in one activity and Class 2A in another activity based on the enrollment cutoff for those activities.
- Q. Can a school's enrollment possibly place them in Class 1A in seventh grade girls volleyball and then in Class 2A in eighth grade girls volleyball?
- A. No. A school will always be in the same class at both the seventh and eighth grade levels in a given activity.
- Q. How does IESA receive my school's enrollment?
- A. In the spring of each year, IESA receives a report from the State Board of Education that lists the number of students reported on the Fall Housing Report that each school submitted to the ISBE.

II. STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES DATES AND SITES

A. Season Calendar

Activity	Week
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	14
Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)	7
Cooperative Agreement Due	31
Games may begin (Sat.)	8
Final Entry Deadline (Mon.)	32
Online Roster & Record Deadline (Mon.)	41
Online Ranking (Wed. -Thurs.)	41
State Series Play <i>Dependent on # Schools entered in activity</i>	42-43
State (Fri./Sat.)	43
Season Must End (Sat.)	45

B. State Series

Tournaments will be held beginning on Monday of Week 42 in the standardized calendar and should be concluded by Monday of Week 44. The IESA administrator in charge of the activity of soccer will determine the state series format depending on the number of schools entered in the activity.

C. State Tournament Dates

The State Final Tournament will be held at a site designated by the IESA Office.
The State Final Tournament will be held on Friday-Saturday of Week 43.

III. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

A. Certification List

Principals of schools entered in the IESA Soccer State tournament series shall complete a *Certification List* prior to the school's participation. The *Certification List* shall be kept on file at the school and does not have to be exchanged with opponents.

Schools are not required to send the *Certification List* to the IESA Office. Schools may be asked and required to provide the IESA with a copy of the *Certification List* on demand.

The *Certification List* is to be used for certification of grade, birth date, and current physical examinations of the competing contestants.

B. Regional Entry Form

All regional entry forms will be completed and submitted online in the IESA Member Center located on the IESA website at www.iesa.org.

The *Regional Entry Form* for soccer is available only on the IESA website and schools may access this form from the member center. The form shall be used to list up to 22 certified contestants for state tournament series play. Only those individual on regional entry form may sit on team bench at state series play.

Teams shall be ruled ineligible to compete in any tournament series contest unless the *Regional Entry Form* has been completed and submitted online at the IESA website before the beginning date of a regional activity.

Regional Entry Form information is to be completed by standardized date [Mon. of Week 41]. Changes, additions, and/or substitutions may be made to the Regional Entry Form information until that team begins regional play.

It is the ultimate responsibility of all competing teams for all athletic activities to ensure that each participant listed on its *Regional Entry Form* is eligible. When you complete the process online you will be asked to submit your name and email address; by doing this you are certifying that each student on your list has a birth certificate on file and they meet the eligibility guidelines as put forth by the IESA.

No changes will be permitted on the *Regional Entry Form* after the beginning of the first game in regional play.

C. Entry fees

Schools must pay an entry fee of \$50 by the initial entry deadline of [Monday of Week 14](#).

The final entry deadline is [Monday of Week 32](#).

Late entry fees are doubled.

Late entry fees will be waived for schools designated as new members, or for current member schools entering an activity for the first time, which petition to participate in an activity after the initial entry deadline.

Entry fees will be refunded only upon written request prior to the initial entry deadline.

Note ➡

Any school that withdraws from the IESA state series without notifying the IESA Office, or withdraws from the state series after the online seeding process, shall pay a \$50.00 penalty, the cost of the umpires for the contest which they forfeited, and that school's share for one contest of any deficit assessment.

IV. QUALIFICATIONS OF COACHES

Athletic coaches in all member schools shall be designated by their Board of Education or governing board as personnel responsible for the supervision of the school's contestants. Athletic coaches in member school shall be regularly certified to teach in the schools of Illinois or must complete an approved coaching education course.

If the following criteria are met for athletic coaches who are certified to teach, these individuals are exempt from taking a required coaches education course:

- a) Teaching or supervising classroom activity at least two periods daily in a member school; or
- b) Employed full-time in an elementary, junior high, or high school; or
- c) An assistant teacher, resource aide, lay supervisor or other paraprofessional who is employed at least half-time per day in a member school; or
- d) Teaching full time, within the provisions of the Illinois School Code, in a member school or in a vocational or special education cooperative in which the member school participates; or
- e) A retired teacher from a member school provided the person remains certified to teach.

The Board of Directors shall approve proposed coaches education courses through which individuals may meet the requirements of section 2.110.

Students in teacher-training institutions may be assigned to assist with the coaching of athletic teams in a member school as a part of their practice teaching course provided they are under the direct supervision of an individual who is qualified to coach under the provision of Section 2.110.

High school students may be assigned to assist with the coaching of athletic teams in a member school provided they are under the direct supervision of an individual who is qualified to coach under the provision of Section 2.110.

Any coach who does not meet the IESA coaching qualifications as detailed above will be suspended for a minimum of two games and will not be permitted to coach again until he/she completes an IESA approved coaching education course.

Additional sanctions may be applied by the Board of Directors to schools with multiple violations for non-compliance with the coaching education By-Law.

Illustrations for Coaching Education

GENERAL

Q. What does the phrase 'regularly certified to teach in the schools of Illinois' mean?

A. You are a person who has fulfilled the requirements of state law to teach by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Q. How often does a coach have to take the approved coaches education course?

A. Once.

Q. All of my coaches including my cheer coach are certified teachers. Can we require that they complete the coaching education course?

A. Yes. This would be a local policy requiring such completion.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Q. May a student teacher assist with the coaching of an athletic team?

A. Yes, provided it is part of the student teaching experience.

Q. May student teachers continue coaching their student teaching assignments after the regular student teaching period ends?

A. Yes, provided their college or university authorizes the continuation.

VOLUNTEER COACHES

Q. May a person volunteer to coach without pay at a member school?

A. Yes. However, whether a person is paid to coach or is a non-paid volunteer, the person must meet the qualification requirements of By-Law 2.110 and its sub-sections.

RETIRED TEACHERS

Q. Does the provision for coaching by retired teachers refer only to persons immediately retired from teaching, or to retired teachers regardless of the date of their retirement?

A. The by-law simply states "...a retired teacher from a member school." This statement is interpreted literally. It permits a school to utilize any retired teacher from a member school as a coach, without needing approval of the person as a non-faculty coach, provided the person remains certified to teach in the schools of Illinois.

MINIMUM AGE OF NON-FACULTY COACHES

Q. Is there an age minimum for non-faculty and/or non-certified personnel who coach?

A. The Board of Directors interprets the provisions of this By-Law to require non-faculty and/or non-certified coaches to be a high school graduate or equivalent.

CHEER COACHES

Q. Do cheer coaches have to take a coach's certification test?

A. No, cheer coaches are considered non-athletic coaches and simply must be approved by their Board of Education or governing board as personnel responsible for the supervision of the school's contestants. The same holds true for music instructors, speech coaches, and scholastic bowl coaches.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AS COACHES

Q. I have a high school student assisting our wrestling squad. My head coach was ejected from the contest. May the high school student take over as the head coach for the remainder of the game?

A. No, you would have to forfeit the remaining games of the meet.

Q. May the high school student we have assisting my volleyball coach be the only coach in the gym when my head coach had to miss practice?

A. No. The high school student who is assisting can never assume coaching duties unless he/she is under the direct supervision of a coach qualified under the provisions of 2.110.

Q. May we use high school students to demonstrate skills during practice or as team managers?

A. Yes.

V. ELIGIBILITY

To enter any of the state series tournaments, a student must be eligible under all of the eligibility rules and

conditions of competition of the IESA. These include but are not limited to:

A. Participation

No student is eligible to participate at the same academic grade level for two different school years in the same sport. This is true whether the student attended a member or a non-member school. Participation in one interscholastic contest in a sport constitutes one season of eligibility in that sport.

No student shall be a member of a team using ninth grade or high school students. Athletic activities designated as seventh grade shall consist of contestants in grades five through seven. In all other athletic activities, fifth through eighth graders are eligible to participate.

Illustrations for Participation

- Q. Could a girl who is on the school girls basketball team participate with a non-school travel basketball team during the girls' basketball season?*
- A. It depends on the school's policy regarding participation on a school team and a non-school team at the same time. If the school would permit this type of participation, then the girl would be eligible. If the school did not allow this type of participation and the girl participated in the non-school competition during the school season, she would be in violation of local school policy and not an IESA rule.*
- Q. Could a boy on his school's cross-country team participate in a five-kilometer run during the school's cross-country season?*
- A. This would be a local school/coach decision.*
- Q. Could a boy tryout for the school baseball team and practice with the school team while he is still a member of his summer Little League baseball team?*
- A. It depends on the school's policy regarding participation on a school team and a non-school team at the same time. If the school would permit this type of participation, then the boy could do both and be eligible. If the school did not allow this type of participation and the boy participated on the Little League team during the school season, he would be in violation of local school policy and not an IESA rule.*

B. Residence and Transfer

A student shall be eligible if he/she attends the member school in the district in which he/she resides.

If the parents of a student move from one school district to another during the school year, the student may retain eligibility for the remainder of the school year provided the student continues to attend the school in the district from which the parents moved.

In cases where ISBE has granted a legislative waiver for children of faculty members to attend the school tuition free, the students shall have eligibility at the school where the parent teaches.

A transfer student is one who transfers from one school to another school after the first day of classes at his/her school.

A student who transfers from one school to another school shall become eligible upon the eleventh day of attendance at the new school provided all eligibility requirements have been met.

Illustrations for Residence and Transfer

- Q. What does the phrase "completing the eligibility requirements" mean?*
- A. In general, a transfer student is eligible to participate for the new school on the eleventh day of attendance at the new school and once the student's birth certificate is on file, a certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner as set forth in the Illinois State statutes not more than one year preceding such tryout, practice, or contest in any athletic activity is on file, the student meets the age guidelines as set forth in By-Law 3.050, and the principal can verify grades from the previous school.*

C. Age

For soccer sponsored by a member school, a student shall be eligible through age fifteen (15). If a student in soccer becomes sixteen (16) before the final event in the state tournament series, he/she is not eligible to participate in soccer.

Each student must provide the principal of his school with certification of her birth before practice or participation in any athletic activity. This must be a birth certificate or hospital record or a thermostatic

copy of such. **A baptismal certificate is not acceptable.**

The Executive Director shall rule on certification of any student who can not meet the birth certification requirement on file.

The following procedures are established for an initial determination between member schools if there is a question regarding a contestant's eligibility due to age:

The administrator of the protesting school shall check with the administrator against whom a protest is made regarding age. A copy of the birth certification can be forwarded to establish the eligibility of the contestant.

If the protest can not be worked out between the administrators of the two member schools, the Executive Director should be notified by the protesting school to determine eligibility.

If a contestant's ineligibility is verified by the Executive Director, the contestant's school is subject to the provisions of Section 5.070. In regular season contests, the ineligible contestant may be suspended from further competition in interscholastic contests for the remainder of the current season in that activity and the offending school from the state series in that activity.

If an age ineligible player has been used in a previous tournament contest and this is brought to the attention of the tournament host by an administrator of a participating school prior to the beginning of the next contest in which the ineligible player would participate, the Executive Director should be informed at once by the tournament host. If a contestant's ineligibility is verified by the Executive Director, the contestant's school is subject to the provisions of Section 5.070, and advancement by the losing team from that contest shall be in accordance with the "State Tournament Team Limitations" listed in Division 4 of these By-Laws. No previous tournament contest in which an ineligible contestant may have played will be replayed.

Illustrations for Age

- Q. What determines a sports season?
- A. A sports season is defined as the beginning date of practice, according to the IESA standardized calendar, through the final state championship date for that activity. The final date for track is determined by a school's track classification--A or AA.
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- Q. I have an 8th grade boy who will turn 16 the day after the Class A boys baseball state finals. Is he eligible to play on my baseball team?
- A. Yes. He is eligible the entire season including the state tournament series.
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- Q. I have an 8th grade girl who turns 16 the day of the girls' softball sectional championship. May she play during the regular season, through the regional, and then not play at all in the sectional or state finals?
- A. No. She is not eligible to compete in any softball games--regular season or IESA state series contests.
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- Q. May a 7th grade boy who turns 15 during the boys basketball season play on the 8th grade team instead of the 7th grade team?
- A. Yes. Due to his age, the 8th grade team is the only team for which he can try out or compete.
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- Q. One of my 8th grade boys turns 16 the day of the basketball state championship. Even though my team will be defeated in the regional, thus making him 15 throughout the season, is he eligible to be on the 8th grade team?
- A. No. He is not eligible to try out for the team or compete in any basketball games.
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- Q. According to the IESA standardized calendar, the Class A state track finals end May 10. Am I correct that if a Class AA 8th grader who turns 16 on May 11 is ineligible to participate in track for the entire season while a Class A 8th grader who turns 16 on May 11 would be eligible for the entire season?
- A. Yes. The eligibility of a Class A track participant will always end one week earlier than for a AA track participant due to the different state final dates.
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- Q. May a girl who will turn 15 during the 7th grade girls' basketball season tryout for the 7th grade team?
- A. No. She may only try out for the 8th grade team since this is the only team for which she is eligible.

- Q. Why is a baptismal certificate not acceptable as proof of birth?
- A. The Board of Directors has ruled that only a birth certificate or hospital record shall be accepted. As the baptismal certificate is provided by a church, it is not deemed to be legal enough for our purposes to establish a contestant's date of birth.
- Q. May a student try out or practice with a team before the student provides a birth certificate?
- A. No. It must be on file with the school. It is the administrator's responsibility to let coaches know whose certification is on file.
- Q. What happens when I have protested a student's age and the administrator of the opposing school refuses or can not produce birth certification?
- A. The Executive Director should be notified immediately.
- Q. What happens if an ineligible player has been found to have been used in a tournament game after the completion of the state tournament?
- A. The school is still subject to penalty and could be determined to forfeit all games and awards.

D. Physical Examination

No student shall be permitted to compete in a tryout, practice, or game unless she has filed with her principal a certificate of physical fitness. This certificate should be issued by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner not more than 395 days preceding such tryout, practice, or contest in any athletic activity. No student shall be allowed to participate following a disabling illness or injury without a physician's release.

Illustrations for Physical Examination

- Q. Is a physical examination administered by a chiropractor acceptable for athletic purposes?
- A. The athletic physical examination must be administered by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner as set forth in the Illinois State Statutes. The physician must be one who is licensed to practice medicine in all its branches. Some chiropractors have this kind of licensing from the *State of Illinois* and some do not. The chiropractor's physical examination is acceptable only when the physician is licensed to practice medicine in all its branches.
- Q. Why can a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner administer a physical?
- A. On July 19, 2002, former Governor George Ryan signed into law Public Act 92-0703, granting signature authority to physician's assistants and nurse practitioners for school physicals ("Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, advanced practice nurses who have a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician which authorizes them to perform health examinations, or physician assistants who have been delegated the performance of health examinations by their supervising physician shall be responsible for the performance of the health examinations.")
- Q. Must the form provided by the IESA be used for physical examinations?
- A. No. This form is provided only as a service and is optional for use by member schools. Some form which may be maintained for the school's records must be used.
- Q. Why must a student have a physical examination to try out for an athletic activity when the student may shortly be cut from the team?
- A. The Board of Directors feels this gives each member school liability protection. The possibility of an unknown illness or an injury is as likely in a tryout situation as in a game situation.
- Q. What is meant by "395 days" in terms of this rule?
- A. From a given date of the physical it is good for 395 days.

E. Amateurism

As the result of participating in the IESA state series (regional, sectional, state) a student in a member school may accept any award (except cash) which does not exceed \$100.00 in fair market value, in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, softball, track, volleyball, soccer and wrestling.

A student in a member school may accept a school letter for an interscholastic sport, regardless of cost.

Violation of the provisions of By-Law 3.070 shall cause ineligibility in the sport in which the violation occurred. An official ruling must be secured from the Executive Director before any student who violates these rules may be reinstated to eligibility.

Illustrations for Amateurism

Q. If a student participates in a road race sponsored by (1) a local business; (2) a private running club, may the student receive awards that are greater than \$100 for winning or placing in the race?

A. In both of these instances a student may accept any prize or award. IESA amateur rules apply only to awards received as the result of participating in IESA state series events. Since these awards were given as the result of participating in non-school events, students are free to keep any awards given.

Q. May a student accept a meal at a restaurant and a plaque in recognition of advancing to the IESA finals in a given sport?

A. The food prize and the plaque are acceptable as long as the fair market value of the items combined is no more than \$100.

Q. May a student accept a trophy valued at \$125 for winning a non-school competition?

A. Yes.

Q. May a student accept a trophy valued at \$50 for making the most consecutive free throws during a sectional basketball game?

A. Yes.

Q. May a student accept a \$25.00 cash prize because she made the winning shot in the regional championship game?

A. No.

Q. If a school team wins the state championship; may team members receive items such as gift certificates for dinners, jackets, sweaters, watches, etc., in recognition of the team's accomplishment?

A. Gifts such as these are permitted as long as the total of the gifts received does not exceed \$100.00 in "fair market value".

Q. Is it acceptable if, by virtue of a student's performance in the IESA state series, the student is awarded:

(a) \$100 in the form of a scholarship

(b) \$100 Donated to the scholarship fund of the student's choice

(c) \$100 Donated in the student's name to charity

(d) \$100 Donated in the student's name to the athletic program at the school.

A. IESA By-laws prohibit a student from receiving any amount of cash for participating in the IESA state series. This is true even if the reward is delayed for presentation following the student's graduation from school. Consequently, example (a) is not permitted, but examples (b), (c), and (d) are acceptable, since the student personally does not and will not receive any cash or merchandise.

Q. If a student plays on a community sports team, and that team wins \$500 cash in a tournament, is the student in violation of the amateur by-laws?

A. No. The rules apply only to receiving awards for performance in IESA state series contests. Cash won in a non-school activity or prizes won in a non-school activity that exceed \$100 in fair market value are allowed because it is non-school activity.

Q. May a student participate in a "jog-a-thon", "swim-a-thon", or other "...thon" activity and receive cash or merchandise prizes for fund-raising efforts?

A. Yes.

Q. Does acceptance of reimbursement of expenses for non-school competition constitute an amateur rule violation?

A. No. IESA amateur rules apply only to awards received as the result of participating in IESA state series events.

Q. May a student coach, teach, or officiate an athletic contest for pay?

A. Yes. The rule refers exclusively to actual playing. An individual may be paid for services performed.

Q. If a student violates the amateur rules, how and when is the penalty affected?

A. Violation is penalized with a period of ineligibility. A report of the violation must be made to the IESA Office for determination of the term and effective date of ineligibility. In addition, the reward must be returned or surrendered, at the direction of the Executive Director.

Q. May a member school athlete accept a cash or merchandise prize won through a drawing or raffle at a high school athletic contest?

A. Yes.

Q. Does the amateur rule apply to events such as three-player basketball, i.e. *Gus Macker* tournament, ten-player softball, 5k or 10k road races, etc.?

A. No. The amateur rules apply only to "IESA state series activities".

F. Participating under an assumed name

In the event students participate in interscholastic competition under any other name than their own, the principal shall immediately suspend violators from further interscholastic participation. The Board of Directors shall then consider the future interscholastic participation of violators and/or persons contributing to a violation.

Illustrations for Participating Under an Assumed Name

Q. To what does the term "interscholastic competition" refer in this rule?

A. "Interscholastic competition" is a competitive situation in which the student represents his or her school and is sponsored or otherwise directly connected with his or her school.

Q. Could a coach be held responsible for submitting students in competition using names other than their own?

A. Yes. The school, the coach, and the students would all be subject to penalty for violation of this By-Law.

G. All-star participation

No athletic team from any member school may compete against an "all-star" team.

Illustrations for All-Star Participation

Q. Could an athletic conference make up an All-Star team from the other member schools in the conference to play the conference winner?

A. No, this would be in direct violation of this By-Law.

H. Open Gym Limitations

Schools may open their facilities to students from their school during the school year under the following conditions:

- a. A variety of recreational activities are available during the course of the year.
- b. There is no coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques in any sport at any time.
- c. Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school squad.
- d. Comparable opportunities are afforded to all participants.

I. Provisions for Summer Participation and Out of Season Contact

Students may participate either as an individual or as a member of a team in any type of athletic activity during the summer months. Students from the same school may participate on the same team. Summer months is defined as the time that the school closes in the spring until classes begin in the fall. A coach of a member school may coach students from the school during the summer.

Illustrations for Coaching Summer Participation

Q. Can a member school and/or coach sponsor a summer camp and coach students from his or her own school?

A. Yes.

After the official ending date of a sport season (according to the date listed in Division 4 of the IESA Handbook) students from the same member school may play together in a sport provided the school has no affiliation with the activity. In addition, a coach may coach the students from the school provided he/she is not coaching the students as an official representative of the school and is not receiving any school compensation for coaching.

Illustrations for Out of Season Contact

Q: My girls' basketball team finished their season in December. Can my coach of that team and the same girls who comprised the school team, play in a non-school AAU tournament that is being held in Chicago in January?

A: Yes, provided the school has absolutely no involvement with the non-school tournament. The school cannot pay the entry fee; provide transportation, uniforms, a coaching stipend, etc. The "team" has to attend totally separate from the school and only as its own entity without any school involvement or affiliation.

J. Coaching School Participation

A student who is a member of the school team in a sport may participate, depending on local school district policy, in any coaching school/camp during that interscholastic sport season.

A coaching school/camp is defined as any program sponsored by an organization or individual which provides

instruction in sports theory and skills to groups of persons.

Students may participate in and/or receive private lessons, school physical conditioning programs, and be used for demonstration purposes in coaches' clinics.

K. Scholastic Standing

All contestants shall be in grades five through eight and shall not have passed eighth-grade standing.

A student shall be doing passing work as determined by the local school district in all school subjects and the school shall certify compliance with this By-Law. Use of a player, contestant, or participant shall be deemed such certification.

For all IESA activities, athletic as well as non-athletic, passing work shall be checked weekly to govern eligibility for the following Monday through Saturday. Students must be passing each subject each week to be eligible. For fall sports, the first eligibility check shall be made following the first full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year. During the succeeding weeks of the school year, the eligibility check shall begin the week prior to the first contest in an activity.

The eligibility check shall be the same day each week unless school is not in session; then it must be taken on the last day of student attendance that week.

Grades shall be accumulative for the school's grading period.

Illustrations for Scholastic Standing

Q. Our teacher's grades are due to the office by 3:00pm each Thursday to determine grade eligibility for the following week. One of my teachers reported a failing grade for a student when he turned in grades. On the following Monday, the teacher reported that the student who was failing turned in an extra credit report over the weekend and was now considered passing. Is the student eligible?

A. No. The student is ineligible since he/she was failing on the day that grades were due to the office. The fact that the extra credit project now makes the student grade eligible will help when the grade check is done the next Thursday, but the student was failing when the grade check was completed and as a result, the student is ineligible for the following week. The grade check must be done on the same day each week and cannot count grades earned or received after the check has been completed.

VI. SEASONAL LIMITATIONS

A. Tryouts and Practice

No member school participating in the soccer state tournament series shall organize, hold tryouts, or practice prior to Monday of Week 7 in the IESA standardized calendar.

B. First and Last Contest

A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in soccer no earlier than Monday of Week 8 and its last interscholastic contest in soccer no later than Saturday of Week 18 in the IESA standardized calendar.

NOTE

Only schools which have an established school team which has scheduled at least three (3) interscholastic contests prior to the regional seeding meeting in that sport during the current season, may participate in team competition in Association-sponsored meets or tournaments.

C. Team Limitations

No soccer team representing a member school shall, in any one season and exclusive of the IESA state tournament series, participate in more than 16 games.

Member schools may permit eligible students to participate in interscholastic activities as school representatives pursuant with the following:

- Schools which are members of this Association;
- Illinois elementary attendance centers containing any of the grades five through eight which are not members of the Association;

- Any school (Illinois or non-Illinois) containing grades five through eight as long as that contest is held in an Illinois school;
- Non-Illinois elementary attendance centers in states adjacent to Illinois which contain any of the grades five through eight.

Member schools may not permit students to participate as school representatives in interscholastic activities with high school or non-school groups.

Member schools are not allowed to practice against other schools, including high schools, or allow students from their own school to practice with a different school.

All interscholastic competition shall be considered a game.

Illustrations for Season Limitations

The following are provided for illustrative purposes only and are neither binding nor to be construed as having the effect of the By-laws or Constitution of this organization. In the event of a conflict, whether actual or believed, between an illustration contained in this section and any by-law or constitutional provision then in effect, the by-law or constitutional provision, as interpreted by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 1.052 of the Constitution of this organization, shall control. Official rulings shall be requested in writing only by the principal of a member school and shall be provided in writing by the Executive Director. Only a formal ruling from the Executive Director is binding on the IESA.

- Q. May a school team play in 3 tournaments during the regular season?
- A. Yes, provided that the total games for the regular season do not exceed 22. Additionally, teams must remember that they are only permitted to play in 4 games in one day of tournament play.
- Q. Must a member school which does not enter the IESA tournament series in basketball follow the basketball regulations contained in the By-Laws?
- A. No. Member schools must abide by all regulations in activities at the grade levels in which they enter IESA tournament play.
- Q. Is a scrimmage considered to be a practice or an interscholastic contest?
- A. If a scrimmage or workout involves students from one member school only, it is considered to be practice. If students of more than one school are involved, it is an interscholastic contest and subject to all regulations pertaining thereto.
- Q. Could a team representing a member school who participates in the IESA state series in volleyball play as a school team in a summer tournament?
- A. Yes, providing the tournament in its region is scheduled after the close of the school year for that particular team.
- Q. Can basketball teams representing their schools participate in "shootouts"?
- A. Yes, if such "shootouts" are held during the school year and during the school's basketball season, each game played during the "shootout" must count as a regular season interscholastic contest. If the "shootout" is held during the school year either before or after the school's basketball season, the school team could not participate.

VII. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Regional and Sectional Tournaments

Each member school hosting a state series soccer tournament shall reimburse the IESA 30% of the gross receipts for admissions. Expenditures shall be detailed on the financial report forms. Each school hosting a state series tournament will receive a Rawlings soccer ball at no charge for each tournament hosted (Model IESA TBD)

If there is a deficit in state series athletic tournament finances, participating schools may be assessed by the host school on a per-game basis. Assessments shall be paid directly to the host school and shall not be sent by participating schools until the IESA Executive Director approves the financial report.

B. State Final Tournament

1. Officials: The IESA Office will hire, assign and pay all state final officials.

2. Tournament receipts and vouchers: All receipts and vouchers for workers and expenses shall be forwarded to the IESA office within one week. Once the IESA Executive Director approves all expenses, the host school is responsible for payment of all vouchers.
3. Profit and Deficit: One-third of the profit shall be returned to the host school and two-thirds of the profit retained by the IESA. Any deficit expenditures will be paid by the IESA.
4. Merchandise Sales: The host school will receive an amount approved by the IESA Board of Directors as their share of merchandise sales no matter the amount of money generated.
5. Concessions: All concession revenue may be kept by the host school.
6. Outside Vendors: *Any outside vendors besides concessions at state tournament events shall be contracted at least one month in advance through the IESA Office instead of the host school.* All concessions revenues may be kept by the host school.
7. Non-expenditure items: The following items will not be approved as expenditures: payment for substitute teachers, rental of playing facilities, and cost of utilities used during a tournament unless previously approved by the Executive Director.
8. Tournament admission prices
State Tournament Series admission prices are as follows:

Regional --	\$2.00 for grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (62+)
	\$4.00 for high school and adults
Sectional --	Same as Regional
State --	Friday and Saturday Play
	\$2.00 for grades K-8 and Senior Citizens (62+)
	\$5.00 for high school and adults

VIII. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

A. Assignment and Advancement of Teams

The IESA administrator in charge of the activity will determine the state series format depending on the number of schools entered in the activity. There will be one class and grade level in the activity.

All tournament play shall be single elimination.

B. Online Seeding

All schools entering the soccer state series must enter the following information online.

- Season Schedule with results
- Regional Entry Form
- Special Comment Section on your team's season

The following penalty is in effect for schools that fail to submit their online record/seeding information by the posted deadlines in soccer:

1. First Offense: School will be placed on probation.
2. Second consecutive offense: School will be able to participate in the state series of the current year, but will not be able to participate in the state series the following year unless the school pays a \$250 fee for reinstatement to the state series.

A team withdrawing from the competition following the online ranking deadline will be declared as a forfeit. The remaining teams shall not be re-seeded.

The following steps should be followed to seed the regional tournament.

ONLINE SEEDING PROCEDURES

1. A school that has not completed any of the online seeding procedure steps has no say regarding seed. It is that school's responsibility to enter the appropriate material online by the deadline. *Detailed instructions*

and screen shots are included in the volleyball initial mailing.

2. All schools must enter their team record, season schedule with results, regional entry form, and special comment section by: [\[Mon. of Week 41\]](#)
3. In the second step, schools will rank all participating schools in their regional except their own, based on the information each team submitted online in the previous step. Each school will have two days to complete this step of the online seeding process. The ranking step occurs: [\[Wed. – Thurs. of Week 41\]](#)

Factors to consider in seeding (Listed in Random Order) these factors are all available to each online coach.

- a. Season Record
 - b. Quality of team's competition [written summary]
 - c. Smaller schools competing against larger schools [written summary]
 - d. Head to Head competition [schedules and results]
 - e. Record against common opponents [schedules and results]
 - f. Roster of post-season team [written summary/regional entry form]
- Each school shall rate all teams assigned to the regional except their own.

4. The computer will tabulate the votes and the IESA will view all ranking results and confirm seed results online.
Note: If two or more teams are tied for any seed, the computer will denote the teams that are tied and the IESA will break the tie by a coin flip.

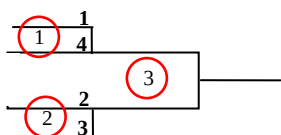
All games are to be played in the proper order and shall not be changed unless permission is granted by the IESA. Games should not be played during school hours.

C. Regional Tournament pairings

As determined by the IESA Board of Directors, all regional and sectional hosts will now post brackets online. This will be done through the IESA Member Center. Directions will be forwarded to each host school in their host packet.

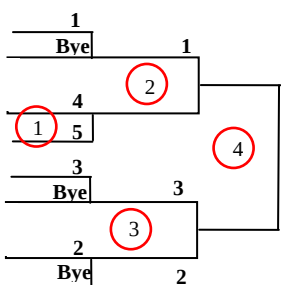
The IESA office will confirm tournament seeds. The host school should enter dates, times and locations for the regional tournament. This will automatically create a bracket that can be viewed from the Regional Assignments on the IESA website.

Host schools will also need to get online and advance the winners as the regional and sectional tournaments are played. This will involve entering the score of the game and submitting the information. Regional Tournament brackets will be set-up as follows. Any deviation from the following must be approved by the IESA.



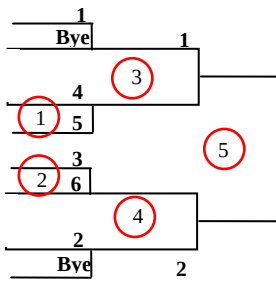
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In four-team tournaments: seed #1 vs. seed #4 in match 1 and seed #2 vs. seed #3 in match 2.



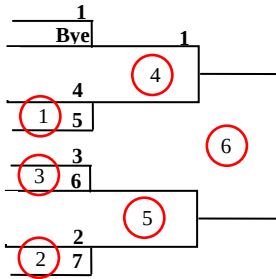
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- a. Game 1: (top bracket) seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 seed (bottom bracket) #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye
- b. Game 2: Seed #1 vs. Winner Game 1
- c. Game 3: Seed #2 vs. Seed #3
- d. Game 4: Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3



6-TEAM

- Match 1: (top bracket) seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5
- Match 2: (bottom bracket) seed #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. seed #6
- Match 3: Seed #1 vs. Winner Match 1
- Match 4: Seed #2 vs. Winner Match 2
- Match 5: Winner of Match 3 vs. Winner of Match 4



7-TEAM

- Match 1: (top bracket) Seed #1 vs. Bye, and Seed #4 vs. Seed #5
- Match 2: (bottom bracket) Seed #2 vs. Seed #7
- Match 3: (bottom bracket) Seed #3 vs. Seed #6
- Match 4: Seed #1 vs. Winner Match 1
- Match 5: Winner of Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3
- Match 6: Winner of Match 4 vs. Winner Match 5

C. Sectional Tournament

In Sectional play, the odd numbered regional team shall be considered the home team.

IX. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

A. All Classes

All tournament play shall be single elimination with the exception of the losers of the state semifinal games. Losers of state semifinal games will play a consolation game.

The IESA administrator for the activity will determine the format for the state series depending on the number of schools entered.

X. TOURNAMENT RULES

All interscholastic athletic games, meets, and contests participated in by IESA member schools shall be governed only by the rules written or officially adopted for those respective sports by the National Federation of State High School Associations and modified by the IESA. Schools hosting IESA state series contest that do not uphold the by-laws or Terms and Conditions of a given activity governing the conduct of those contests may be subject to sanctions as determined by the Executive Director.

A. Rules of Play

In regional and state final play, the team listed first in the tournament bracket shall be considered the home team. In the sectional tournament, the odd-numbered regional team shall be considered the home team.

Soccer warm-up periods shall be 20 minutes in state tournament series play. Clock will start 30 minutes prior to the start of the game and be set for 20 minutes. Once the clock strikes zero, the teams will return to the bench area for Equipment check, pre-game conference, coin toss, and National Anthem. Note: the National Anthem will only be performed prior to the start of the first match each day.

Only team personnel may be allowed on the field during warm-ups and introductions during the state tournament series games.

B. IESA Exceptions to National Federation Rules

All games shall consist of two 30-minute halves. [7-1-1]

Metal Cleats are prohibited. [4-1-1j]

Home team shall wear white or light jerseys and socks, and visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks. [4-1-1b]

IESA Tiebreaker Procedures are as follows for state series play [7-3-1]:

Play the regulation game and, if a tie exists;

10-minutes – 1st overtime period

0 minutes – immediate changeover between overtime period 1 and overtime period 2

10-minutes – 2nd overtime period

If a tie still exists:

- a) A coin toss occurs before: the first Overtime; the first 5 kicks and the second set of 5 kicks. The visiting captain shall call the toss.
- b) Each coach shall select five (5) players from the team roster to take tie-breaker kicks. At least one (1) player of the underrepresented sex must be included in each five. The team winning the coin toss shall have the choice of shooting first or second. The goalkeeper for each team shall be any eligible team member determined by the coach. The teams will then each take five (5) tie-breaker kicks, alternating kickers. The team scoring on the greater number of these five (5) kicks shall be the winner.
- c) If the score is still tied, a series of sudden victory tie-breaker kicks shall be taken. Each team shall designate five (5) different players to kick. Players shall kick alternately. If the first kicker from Team A scores and the first kicker from Team B does not score, the game is ended and team A is the winner. This process shall be repeated through as many as five (5) kickers for each team until there is a winner.
- d) If the score is still tied, each team shall designate five (5) different players who did not kick under "c" above to take sudden victory tie-breaker kicks. Then the process of "c" is repeated. If the score is still tied, after these five (5) kickers from each team have taken their kicks, the process of "c" shall be repeated again, with any eligible player from the roster permitted to kick.

Note: In any sequence of either the regular or sudden victory tie-breaker kicks no player may kick more than once in each ten (10) kick series. For example, a player may kick three times in a tie-breaker series which is not resolved until the twenty-fourth (24th) tie-breaker kick.

- e) Kicking procedure for tie-breaker kicks in the tie-breaking system: Kicks taken for tie-breaking purposes will be taken according to the following procedure:
 1. The kicker and goalkeeper will take their positions in preparation for the kick without delay.
 2. When ready, the referee will sound the whistle.
 3. Both the goalkeeper and the kicker may move in any direction or manner when the whistle sounds.
 4. The kicker will be permitted only one touch on the ball in taking the kick.

C. Uniform Numbers

All jerseys, except those worn by the goalkeeper, shall be numbered on the back with a different Arabic number at least six inches in height and on the front (jersey or shorts) with the same number, at least 4 inches in height. *It must be a plain Arabic numeral of a solid contrasting color with the color of the surrounding uniform and clearly visible. It may have a single, contrasting border of shadow not to exceed 1/2 inch in width. '00-09' are illegal numbers. [NFHS 4-1-1]*

The jersey of the goalkeeper shall be distinctly different from that of any teammate or opponent, except the other goalkeeper. The shorts or pants and socks of the goalkeeper are not required to be the same color as his/her teammates but must comply with Rule 4-1-1f. [NFHS 4-1-1]

It is recommended, but not required, that substitutes wear distinguishing pinnies when warming up outside of the team area. [NFHS 4-1-2]

D. IESA State Tournament Team Limitations

Each tournament team shall consist of a **maximum of 22 uniformed students** whose names appear on the

current *Certification List*. No substitutions may be made after the beginning of the first game of regional play.

A minimum of two players of the underrepresented sex must be on the field at all times. If the underrepresented sex is removed from the game for injury and a team does not have same sex to replace the injured player, the team may not replace the player with the opposite sex.

All tournament play shall be single elimination with the winning team advancing from regional to sectional and from sectional to state level competition. If an opponent incurs a violation in the state series that requires a contest or contests to be forfeited, the following policy will be followed:

- If the violation affects only one round of competition, the opponent within that round will be advanced on to the next round of competition within the state tournament series.
- If the violation affects more than one round of competition, no opponent from the preceding rounds of competition shall be advanced to the next round of competition within the state tournament series.
- The advancement of opponents shall be determined by the IESA office.

XI. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. Authority

By authority of the IESA Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall interpret and enforce the Terms and Conditions.

B. Failure To Appear And Forfeiture Of Contest

Any team which fails to play a scheduled state tournament series game and forfeits such game is subject to action of the Board of Directors, including penalty, assessments, suspension, or expulsion.

A team failing to field the required number of starting players within forty five (45) minutes of the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. A game or game that is played even though the school failed to field the required number of starters within forty-five (45) minutes of the scheduled game time cannot be protested for that reason.

- Q. One of the teams that is scheduled to play in my sectional is late. There has been no contact from that school. What do I do?
 - A. The game will be forfeited if the school is not dressed and ready to play within 45 minutes of the scheduled starting time..
- Q. My sectional was scheduled for 6pm. One of the schools scheduled to play in the contest has called and indicated they had bus problems and will be arriving after 6:40pm. Should this game be forfeited?
 - A. No. Schools have 45 minutes from the scheduled start time to arrive at the site. Since contact has been made between the host school and the school that is late, the game will start no later than 6:45. The official will start the 14 minutes warm-up clock [4-4-4-2] and the late arriving team will join warm-up whenever they are ready. If the late team misses it's individual warm-up time no additional time will be added to warm-ups.
- Q. Whose responsibility is it to declare a forfeit if a team is late?
 - A. The host manager has the responsibility to declare a forfeit. This is generally the administrator of the host school.

No state tournament series contest shall be forfeited due to weather conditions. If the administrator of any participating school determines he or she cannot reach the tournament site due to weather conditions, the host school shall reschedule that particular game as soon as possible. The IESA Office and the opposing schools shall be notified of the rescheduling. Other contests scheduled on that particular date may still be held.

Any coach or school official who withdraws a team from the field of play under any circumstances prior to the official completion of the game shall forfeit all rights to protest, except when the principal of the forfeiting school believes circumstances which affected the health, safety, or welfare of the students required such action, he or she may file a protest.

C. Soccer balls

Rawlings IESA MODEL TBD soccer balls must be used at the regional, sectional and state final level of play. The IESA Office will provide each regional and sectional host with a Rawlings IESA MODEL TBD soccer ball to be used in the contest. Each state host will receive three soccer balls to be used in competition.

D. Players And Team Personnel

No team will be allowed in uniform more than 22 players whose name appears on the Regional Entry Form. Only team personnel may be allowed on the field during warm-ups and introductions during the state tournament series games.

E. Awards

Plaques shall be awarded to regional and sectional winners, and trophies to the state champion, state runner-up, and third and fourth place finishers at the state final tournament.

Thirty individual awards will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place team winners in the state final competition.

F. Warm-up

Soccer warm-up periods shall be 20 minutes in state tournament series play. Clock will start 30 minutes prior to the start of the game and be set for 20 minutes. Once the clock strikes zero, the teams will return to the bench area for Equipment check, pre-game conference, coin toss, and National Anthem. Note: the National Anthem will only be performed prior to the start of the first match each day.

For Example: If a game begins at 2:00:

1:30 warm-up clock will start for 20 minutes.

1:50 teams return to bench for equipment check

1:53 pre-game conference with captains and coaches, coin toss

G. State Tournament Information

State tournament hosts are required to send state final information packets to the IESA office to pass on to sectional winners via email to all sectional winners.

H. Media

Space shall be made available for news media personnel covering the state tournament series and host schools should make every effort to accommodate the media. Reporting information to the news media shall be the responsibility of each tournament manager and is strongly recommended.

I. Signs, Banners, and Noisemakers

The displaying of signs, banners, placards, balloons, or constructed frames through which players run is prohibited. Local tournament managers should not permit these devices to be brought into the playing areas.

Tournament managers should not permit spectators to bring mechanical noise-making devices, megaphone, radios, or tape players into the playing area of the state tournament contest.

J. Video-Taping

Videotaping is allowed in all IESA Soccer State Tournament Series contests. Any taping for the purpose of reviewing during the contest, however, shall be prohibited.

K. Other

All fans that attend IESA state series contests must wear shirts at all times.

No alcoholic beverages shall be served at any IESA activity where there are students participating.

No cell phones or electronic devices are permitted at the scorer's table during a game by bench personnel.

Host schools are required to hang official IESA and Rawlings® banners.

Limits on free passes to the state tournament series shall be two (2) managers, two (2) statisticians, one (1) scorekeeper, and twelve (12) cheerleaders in uniform.

All cheers, performances, routines, or other activities conducted by a school's spirit squad(s) (i.e., cheerleaders, pom-poms, flags, and drill team) shall be conducted in accordance with the Spirit Rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Prayer at an IESA state series contest that takes place over a public address system is prohibited.

XII. SPORTSMANSHIP 2.090

Conduct of Coaches and Players

Any player or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim, in addition to other penalties the IESA or school may assess. Any player or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct a second time in any activity during the school year shall be ineligible for all remaining interscholastic contests the day of the ejection and the next two interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred, in addition to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess. For Example: a player is ejected one time during the softball season for unsportsmanlike conduct and one time during the volleyball season also for unsportsmanlike conduct. That player is not allowed to participate in the next two volleyball games following the second ejection.

By-law 5.120

- Q. What happens to a player who is ejected during the regional and the team loses the regional contest?
- A. The ejected player would have to serve out the penalty at the level at which the penalty occurred. Additionally, they would not be eligible for any contests at a different level until the penalty is served.

Students participating in the state tournament series in violation of IESA By-Laws, or other persons found to be in gross violation of the ethics of competition or the principles of good sportsmanship may be barred by the Executive Director from the remainder of the state tournament series and future interscholastic activities.

If players or representatives of any school entered in a tournament are found guilty of carelessly or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or other visiting schools, the players or representative's school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in repairing or replacing such property or equipment.

If a coach is ejected from the contest and he or she is the only person responsible for the supervision of spectators, the contest would have to be forfeited as no one would be available to coach and/or supervise.

By-law 2.020

The IESA and its Board of Directors strongly suggest an administrator or school representative (other than the coach) be in attendance at all home contests.

It is also recommended that a school have a policy in place when dealing with fan ejections. For all contests, the game official will be required to fill out and submit a special report form for an ejection within 48 hours of the incident. In addition, the host school administrator on duty should also complete a special report form and return it to the IESA office following an ejection.

Sportsmanship Rating Forms for competing teams are to be completed online in the IESA Member Center. Officials can complete forms for competing teams online in the IHSA officials website.

XIII. OFFICIALS

A. General

It is required that member schools use Illinois High School Association (IHSA) officials licensed in soccer for all regular season contests. Coaches from participating teams should never be the contest officials. *Note: A school's first violation for hiring non-licensed official in soccer will result in a warning. With a second violation, the Executive Director shall have the full authority to determine and impose a monetary penalty equivalent to the cost of one regional official for that activity.*

One official shall be hired for all regular season games, whom shall be licensed by the IHSA. (The IESA recommends that 2 officials are hired for all regular season games.)

Two officials shall be hired for each regional game. (Hired by Regional host school)

Two officials shall be hired for each sectional game. (Assigned through the IESA office)

Three officials shall be hired for each state level game. (Assigned through the IESA office)

A pre-game conference with officials, head coaches, and captains is required to take place prior to all contests involving member schools.

All contest officials shall be familiar with IESA contest regulations/exceptions and the National Federation Rules for soccer.

Contest officials shall make all decisions regarding the rules of play. Their judgments and decisions cannot be protested.

B. Regional Tournaments

Regional host schools shall contract the two officials from a list of IHSA-registered officials. No official should be hired that has an affiliation with your school.

C. Sectional Tournaments

The IESA Office shall contract officials for all sectional tournaments.

D. State Final Tournament

The IESA Office will be responsible for contracting all officials for the state final tournament. When there are conflicts with the official's hometown playing, officials will be reassigned or paid.

The IESA Office shall contract line judges for the state volleyball finals. They shall be IHSA-registered volleyball officials.

E. Payment

Note ➡

Regional --	\$ TBD	(Dual-Officiating System) per game with no mileage payment (hired by host school)
Sectional --	\$ TBD	(Dual-Officiating System) per game with no mileage payment (assigned by the IESA Office).
State --	Diagonal-Officiating System	
	\$ TBD	(Center/Head Referee) per game with no mileage payment (assigned by the IESA Office).
	\$ TBD	(Asst. Referees) per game with no mileage payment (assigned by the IESA Office).

Illustrations for Officials

Q. Can a school demand that an official be changed for a state series game in which they participate?

A. No.

XIV. SPECIAL AWARENESS NIGHT GUIDELINES

The following guidelines give each member schools guidance when wishing to hold a special awareness night in the activity of soccer.

- All uniforms worn during the special awareness game must meet the standard uniform regulations. This includes having the number on the front and back of the shirt/jersey or short. There can be no logo endorsement on the shirt other than that of the manufacturer (i.e. Nike, Adidas etc.). You may put your school name on the shirt/jersey as you would any other uniform.
- Officials may wear colored tops for any special awareness game but are not required.
- A colored ball may be used for this game as long as it meets the NFHS guidelines for such ball.